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## THE INCOME TAX

Both the Republican and Democratic parties demanded an amendment to the United States Constitution permitting the passage of an income tax law. Such an amendment has been adopted. Congress is now wrangling over the terms of such a law.

That vast fortunes should pay a larger tax than the ordinary man pays, no one will dispute. But how to frame a law that will make the multi-millionaire pay the tax and not recoup himself from the pockets of the consumer, is the question. Merely placing a tax on the vast property of the very rich, means only that the tax is added to the burden of the consumer, for King Finance extracts every cent of the income tax from the consumer. The United States Supreme Court has decided that this can be legally done. During the war with Spain, the stamp tax was passed. This law required checks, express receipts, insurance policies, etc., to be stamped with a special stamp tax. The intent of the bill was to require these great corporations to pay the tax. However, the express companies merely raised their rates and covered the cost of their stamps. The insurance companies added the cost of the stamps to the premiums to be paid, and banks charged their customers for stamped check books. All this was upheld by that court. Thus did the people pay a stamp tax levied on organized wealth. So it will be with the income tax. It sounds big to hear our Congressmen prate about how they swatted John D. and the Laird of Scibo with millions for income tax. What they really did was to add that burden to the already galled shoulders of the tax ridden masses. One squeeze in oil, one squeeze in steel, and the income tax, so far as it effects these vast properties, is extracted from the pocket of the consumer. So it is with organized wealth the world over. A dollar has no conscience and, in a struggle with a penny, is always victorious. Until some comprehensive law is passed which will effectually prevent "squeezes" by organized wealth, all laws looking to the relief of the people by income tax laws and their ilk, will be as barren of results as an attempt to tie back the Niagara Falls with a rye straw.

## TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT

Every one knows that there is a dual government in our system—the Federal government and the State government. Each in a way is independent of the other. There is a continual conflict between the two. But it is not this that we want to discuss now.

In our own state affairs, we have too much government. We have the state laws which are supposed to be enforced by the state and county officials. And then we have that other system of government called the city government. In other words, each citizen of this city is amenable to three separate and distinct governments, each one of which he must support, and in addition to this he must support the County and District governments.

This is all wrong. The city government is but an echo of the state government. It can not enact any law in conflict with the state laws. There is no necessity for any additional laws for the state laws cover the whole range of human conduct. It is only in the management of its domestic

policies, is there any necessity for a city government. And this can all be done without any interference with the criminal laws.

There is no more reason for a Police Judge, City Attorney, City Collector and City Assessor for the City of Richmond than there is that a wagon have five wheels. Every act done by them can be done by the officials provided by the state laws and elected by the county at large. The same might also be said of the offices of the Police department, but of course that department differs somewhat from the others named.

Some of the county offices can also be done away with, without any impairment of the efficiency of the county government.

If the people so desire, they can reduce the cost of government at least one half. Don't be afraid that no one would offer for the county offices, if they had any additional duties to perform; you would have the same lot of fine gentlemen from whom to select that you now have the privilege of voting for.

## TAKE A STAND

Nearly all the counties around us are taking advantage of the opportunity to vote on the Local Option Laws under the county unit law. Madison county is silent on the question?

You must use the opportunity when it comes; otherwise it may not return.

An effort will be made to vote out the county unit law at the next Legislature. How are our candidates for the Legislature on this question?

We ask the question of them in the order in which the candidates for this important office announced themselves.

Mr. Clay, are you for the county unit law?

Mr. Miller, are you for the county unit law?

Mr. White, are you for the county unit law?

This question will be asked each candidate for office in this county and in the city elections as well. It is not done merely as a cheap way of embarrassing a candidate. It is done for the express purpose of finding out on which side you stand on a question that is of vital importance to the people of the entire county. The question is first asked directly of those who want to make laws for us.

The answer that it is now the law and that you will take your stand when an effort is made to repeal it, will not suffice. You must take your stand now in order that the people may be able to place you properly before the fight comes on.

## ROOSEVELT'S VINDICATION

Col. Roosevelt is a happy man. His vindication was so complete and overwhelming that those who libeled him have for him only words of commendation. During the last campaign for the presidency the papers were full of sensational stories to the effect that the Colonel was a hard drinker, full of booze all the time. Those who have been intimately associated with him for many years past, emphatically deny that there is any foundation for the story. Thus is a libel shattered, much to the dissatisfaction of many who still want to demean the man.

Mr. Roosevelt has never been our ideal, but we believe in a fair deal for every one.

## THE NORMAL

Until we see further and know more, we refrain from any comments on the report made by State Inspector Goodpaster in regard to the Normal School, other than to express our great confidence in the honesty and integrity of those connected with this institution, both Board of Regents and the Faculty. You will have to show us before we can believe anything, other than that each

and every one is a gentleman—a lady—of the purest type. If any errors have been committed, it is of judgment and not from improper motives.

The Primary for Postmaster of Winchester, will be an open ballot. There is nothing to be gained by an open ballot but "Heart Aches." No, a secret ballot is not cowardly. Why not do the sensible thing and allow a second and third choice vote? It can be done very easily and then it comes down to the real choice of the people.

What does Richmond intend to do about its office? Does it purpose allowing Washington to dictate? With the people selecting United States Senators, surely they can put sufficient intelligence in this matter to make a choice.

## ITS IN THE AIR

That very excellent paper, the Paris Democrat, has come out for clean, pure elections. Its in the air gentlemen. You who want to serve Madison County for the next four years, can see the handwriting on the wall. The first and second choice ballot is the proper way. On another page of this issue you will find a full explanation of this ballot.

## THE PROGRESSIVES

The Progressives in Jessamine county have refused to fuse with the Republicans and will put out a full ticket for county officers. In Mercer county, the Progressives will put out a full ticket. There is no disposition generally over the state to fuse. In this county it is very quiet, looking to fusion.

## PECULIAR

To its honor there is not a suffragette in Powell county.—Clay City Times.

Remember your mother, young man.

With the Senatorial primary one year and two months off, isn't the Hon. A. Owsley Stanley getting "het up" too soon? His boom might cool off suddenly this winter and crack.

## Kentucky's Birthday

Kentucky had a birthday Sunday. She was 121 years old. She was admitted to the union June 1st, 1892. She was the second state to be added to the original Thirteen. Kentucky is one of the greatest states in the union. A popular error is that the word Kentucky means the dark and bloody grounds. The name is really an adaptation of the Iroquois word "Kentake" meaning meadow lands.

The State is divided into five district portions known as, "The Mountains," "The Blue Grass," "The Bear Grass," "The Penny Rile," and "The Purchase." The first takes its name from the geographical formation, the next three from natural products of the soil and the last from the political origin of the connection with the state, comprising a portion west of Tennessee river and bought by Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby from the Cherokee Indians.

No state than Kentucky is giving greater attention to the Arts of Peace. Her farms are rich, her mines inexhaustible. Her manufacturing interests are growing each day. She is in the era of a great prosperity.—Winchester Democrat.

Clark and Madison have added very much to the history of the state. Their sturdy sons have borne the brunt of its struggles for development. Blessed be the memory of its sweet, pure, true mothers who endured the privations of pioneer life.

Ours was a sturdy stock and the children of our forefathers have brought to Kentucky a glory second to no other state in the Union.

## Get Yourself Balanced

Mr. O'Neil, Inspector of Weights and Measures, is on the job and you will get caught in the middle of a bad fix if your balances don't balance when he calls.

We venture the assertion that there are no short weight gentlemen in this good old city.

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## Green Clay Makes Statement

Being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative from Madison county in the next General Assembly of Kentucky, I think it proper to outline to the citizens of Madison the principles and aims that will govern my actions if elected a member of the law making body of our state.

I was born and raised on a farm in this county near Foxtown, am forty-one years old and have voted the straight Democratic ticket at every election, both local and national, since my twenty-first birthday. Was educated in the common schools and the High School at Ann Arbor, Mich., Central University, Richmond, Ky., and graduated from the Law Department of Columbian University, Washington City. For four years I practiced law in Richmond, Ky. and am now a member of the Bar here, though I have not been in active practice for many years.

My business interests are now, and have been for several years, centered entirely in farming on a part of the old home place near the Jack's Creek pike. I am a heavy tax payer in this county and the interests of every farmer and worker in Madison are the same as mine. It will be my aim to do away with every expenditure of public money wherever possible consistent with good government. I am heartily opposed to any extravagance in public office or appropriation of money where it can be avoided.

I am well aware that the farmer, laborer and small business man has not been justly considered heretofore by our law makers. This condition of things I shall endeavor to remedy to the end that no special privilege or exemption from the burden of government shall be granted to or allowed any man or body of men. I shall work towards an equalization of taxes on the part of every citizen of the state so that the protection and benefits of good government will be allotted to all of us in equal proportion. I shall endeavor to see that every business interest in Kentucky toes the line of strict justice and conformity with legal obligations set forth in the Statutes. I will go further than that. If the laws now in force do not hold every man to a strict adherence to justice I shall try to amend those lax laws or pass new ones that will hold him in obedience to the will of the majority. There must be strict equality before the law.

There will be no effort on my part to cripple or hold back business progress in any line, but there will be no undue advantage taken if I can prevent it. At the same time my every effort will be towards the uplifting of the social and moral standard of our citizenship, knowing as I do that only through moral and social advancement will we gain peace and comfort and happiness.

It would be impossible at this time to state definitely what will be the exact stand taken by your Representative on any particular bill before the House until that bill is created, but I believe this short statement will outline what my attitude will be in case you see fit to allow me the honor of representing you.

Finally, in asking the support of every Democrat in Madison county in this most important election, I will refer you, in all sincerity, to the many good people in Madison who know me intimately as to my qualifications and fitness for the Legislature.

Respectfully,  
GREEN CLAY.

## Colored People Marry

May 22—Hannah Maupin to Stephen Huguely.

May 29—Maggie Rogers to Jerry Evans; Emily Huguely to Thomas Phelps.

This paper stops when your time is out. Look at the address. Will appreciate your renewal.

## Roy-Ward

Miss Frances Spurlock Roy and Mr. Lawrence D. Ward were married at Nicholasville Thursday evening. Miss Roy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Roy. Mr. Roy formerly had large lumber interests in this county in Valley View, and is well known here.

Miss Roy is a very attractive and accomplished girl and Mr. Ward is one of Lexington's progressive young business men. They will reside in Nicholasville.

## No Need for Alarm

We do not think that the situation in the horse disease need cause any great alarm. Only a few are infected and with proper care which is being observed by those who have been unfortunate in losing horses, the disease can readily be kept under control. The stables where the disease has been found to exist have been closed and disinfected, and every care is being taken to prevent a spread of the trouble.

## Three Graduates

Harry Rice, Harold Oldham and James Lackey, of this city and county, graduated at the Millersburg Military School last week.

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## K. S. U. Exercises

The forty-fifth annual commencement exercises of Kentucky State University were held at Lexington Thursday in the mammoth tent erected on the campus for that purpose, and in the presence of the largest crowds ever seen on a similar occasion. The graduating class numbered one hundred and twenty, the largest in the history of the institution. The annual address to the graduating class was delivered by Lieut. Gov. E. J. McDermott.

President Henry S. Barker presented the diplomas to the graduating class and in addition eight honorary degrees were conferred on distinguished citizens of five States as follows: Doctor of Science, Prof. Alfred Fairhurst, Lexington, Ky., and Dr. Alfred Meredith Peter, Lexington, Ky.; Doctor of Laws, Lieut. Gov. Edward John McDermott, Louisville; Eugene Davenport, Urbana, Ill.; William Gibson, Pittsburg, Pa.; Lincoln McConnell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Francis Trevelyan Miller, New York, N. Y., and Richard Charles Stoll, Lexington, Ky.

## Coal Contract Awarded

The Fiscal Court let a contract for its coal supply to Willoughby and Son, coal merchants. They were the lowest bidders.

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